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SUBJ: CIVAIR: PRECLEARANCE UNIT, NASSAU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM MINEXTAFF THAT MEASURES TO INCREASE AIRPORT SECURITY AND SPECIFICALLY TO PREVENT PASSENGER COMMINGLING WILL BE INSTITUTED IN NEAR FUTURE. PERTINENT PORTIONS OF MINISTRY LETTER DATED SEPT. 16, 1976 READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE MINISTRY WOULD INSTALL FENCING TO EACH SIDE OF THE COVERED WALKWAY FROM THE PRECleared LOUNGE TO THE END OF THE EXISTING COVERED FINGER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE POINTS AT THE DEPARTURE GATES AND THE BAGGAGE MAKE-UP AREA. IN ADDITION THE MAIN FINGER WALKWAY WOULD BE SUB-DIVIDED TO INCLUDE CROSS OVER LOCKABLE DOORS. UNQUOTE

QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF WORKS IS NOW READY TO INVITE TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENDED COVERED WALKWAY AND ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL, THE WORK COULD COMMENCE IN APPROXIMATELY A MONTH'S TIME. (I.E. ONE MONTH FROM 26 AUGUST, 1976). UNQUOTE

2. GCOB'S LONG OVERDUE AGREEMENT TO TAKE MEASURES IS A

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DIRECT RESULT OF SCENARIO OUTLINED IN REFTEL. DISCUSSIONS

LEADING TO AGREEMENT WERE PARTICIPATED IN BY CUSTOMS, INS AND AG. REPS FROM NASSAU PRECLEARANCE AS WELL AS CUSTOMS OFFICIALS FROM MIAMI. ALL AGENCY REPS FULLY CONCUR IN AGREEMENT WHICH WHILE DEFERRING CERTAIN ITEM (I.E. PLACEMENT OF TOILETS IN STERILE LOUNGE AND LARGER SEARCH ROOMS) NEVERTHELESS IS RESPONSIVE TO PRIMARY DEMAND WHICH WAS TO PREVENT COMMINGLING.

3. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT GCOB AGREEMENT TO UPGRADE SECURITY IN NO WAY IMPLIES OR OBLIGATES FAVORABLE ACTION WITH REGARD TO INSTITUTING A PRECLEARANCE UNIT IN FREEPORT. GCOB HAS BEEN MADE AWARE THAT THAT "... DECISION WILL BE BASED ON AN OBJECTIVE EVALUATION OF VOLUME CRITERIA, THE PRESENCE OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND THE ABILITY OF CUSTOMS, INS AND AG TO PROVIDE MANPOWER AND BUDGETING RESOURCES". WEISS

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